



INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Community Outreach Efforts

March 22, 2006: State of Our Black Youth, Indianapolis Sub-Committee

ICJI is a participating member of the SOBY, Indianapolis Chapter that is working towards preventing child abuse and infant mortality in Indianapolis. According to the SOBY publication four out of the seven categories listed illustrated disproportionate rates for black youth. At the meeting a methodology was established in order to accomplish progress. The Indianapolis Chapter would like to create toolkits that include a video for new parents/adults marrying a spouse with a child, 2-1-1 number, various educational resources provided by Prevent Child Abuse Indiana, and a web-based training outlet. Currently the subgroup will be putting forth effort to solicit financial support in order to create the toolkits. At the moment prospected project partners are: Prevent Child Abuse Indiana, Indiana Minority Health Coalition (IMHC), Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), Children's Bureau, Inc (CBI), Indiana Youth Institute (IYI), Adult and Child, Managed Health Services (MHS), Wishard/Midtown Community Health Center, Riley, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), Indiana Black Expo (IBE), and the Department of Education (DOE). The toolkits are intended for dissemination at but not limited to parental classes, Safe Sitters, Father Resources, community health centers, hospitals, primary care providers, Healthy Families, American Red Cross, Indiana State Department of Health, Managed Health Care, Daycare, and YMCA. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 25 at Wishard Hospital, OTT building.

March 24, 2006: Indiana Disproportionality Committee, Training

IDC hosted its first training for committee members at the College Avenue Branch Library. The training consisted of twelve participants. Dialogue and discussion encompassed within the training focused on how to present the information in a non-offensive manner when issues of race and discrimination may occur. The presentation allowed committee workers to comment on the content of the material being disseminated at presentation opportunities. The training encouraged committee members to identify areas and/or responsibilities that needed strengthening and additional outlets and resources that needed to be included. The overall training passed very well. The Committee continues to have revisions to complete and is still heavy on recruitment. Furthermore all members that attended the committee training were pleased as well as impressed with the information and delivery of the presentation we currently have established.

Upcoming Events

April 21, 2006: Indiana Disproportionality Committee, Training Session II at College Ave. Branch Library

April 25, 2006: State of Our Black Youth, Indianapolis Chapter at Wishard Hospital, OTT Building

April 25, 2006: POY and DMC informational meeting in Fort Wayne with Drug and Crime Representatives of local school districts

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